



## Iowa's Good Samaritan Law Protection for Responders Providing Bleeding Control

Bleeding control training provides basic skills education that can be rapidly applied and may save a life. Despite training, a non-healthcare responder may have legal concerns with providing assistance.

Iowa's Good Samaritan Law provides legal protection for individuals that deliver emergency assistance. Iowa Code "Emergency Assistance in an Accident" (Good Samaritan Law) protects individuals who, voluntarily and in good faith, provide emergency care or assistance. These responders shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omission occurring at the place of an emergency or accident unless such acts or omissions constitute recklessness or willful and wanton misconduct. The entire law can be found at:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/613.17.pdf>

If the need arises, follow your bleeding control training:

- Ensure your own safety
- Call 9-1-1
- Use personal protective equipment
- Take action to stop the bleed with direct pressure, a tourniquet, or wound packing and compression

**Take Action. Stop the Bleed.**

